



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

*State Capitol
Boise*

WHEREAS, each year 1.7 million individuals in the United States sustain a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, at least 5.3 million Americans now have a lifelong need for help to perform activities of daily living as a result of traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, someone will sustain a traumatic brain injury every 15 seconds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, up to an estimated 35,000 Idahoans are living with disability caused by a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is ranked seventh in the nation for per capita hospitalization and rate of disability due to brain injury; and

WHEREAS, brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability among young people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,300 traumatic brain injuries occur in the United States every day in children ages 0-14; and

WHEREAS, more than 262,000 U.S. service members have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injury since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the effects of brain injury are devastating emotionally and financially to survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the only cure for brain injuries is prevention, which comes from public awareness of the risks and consequences of brain injury; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 2013 to be

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE